Amount spent on oil requirements

707. SHRI JANARDHNA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rising oil prices is having immense revenue implication for Government;

(b) if so, the amount spent on meeting the oil requirements of the country during the last five years; and

(c) what measures are taken to develop alternative sources of energy, including solar energy, and the amount spent on R and D in this regard during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The amount spent on purchase of crude oil during the last five years is as under:

Rs./crore

Year	Net Import Bill	% growth over previous year
2000-01	70,358	
2001-02	59,361	-15.6
2002-03	74,174	25.0
2003-04	76,387	3.0
2004-05	91,486	32.1

(c) An amount of around Rs. 5816 crores has been spent on sponsored R&D project activities of the Ministry of Non-Convention Energy Sources, Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) of the Ministry and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) R&D. These projects include research and development in the field of wind, solar, small hydro, biomass, ethanol blending in petrol, biodiesel and hydrogen.

Allocation of kerosene to Andhra Pradesh

708. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had been requested by Andhra